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# THE BG NEWS

## State

Veteran hammers crosses in the ground for Memorial Day.



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## The News' Briefs

### Prairie dogs sucked up for pets

AMARILLO, Texas — Using a vacuum truck to suck prairie dogs from their holes, a pest control company is making a profitable roundup of the burrowing rodents that are highly prized pets in Japan.

"These little guys are worth \$700 apiece," said Gay Balfour, a co-owner of the company Dog Gone and inventor of the special vacuum.

Workers captured three to four dozen prairie dogs Tuesday using the vacuum, which noisily pulls the animals through a wide hose and into an enclosure. The vacuum pulls up lighter animals, leaving heavier adults alone.

"We're just taking the young ones," said company co-owner Dave Honaker. "They make good pets — they're real trainable and social animals."

The Cortez, Colo., company has been capturing the squirrel-like rodents, which grow to about a foot long, for five years. The latest roundup is already in its fourth week.

An exotic pet dealer who made a deal with Amarillo landowner is marketing the prairie dogs, sucked from a 320-acre tract near this Texas Panhandle city.

### "Love Phones" disconnected for being too graphic

MEDIA, Pa. — The "Love Phones" got too graphic, and now they've been disconnected.

Executives at WPLY-FM, an alternative rock station, canceled a syndicated sex-advice show that attracted young listeners, saying that they were complying with listener demands for more music.

Four sponsors withdrew advertising under pressure from protesters, many of them angry parents who picketed the station last month, general manager Lynn Bruder said.

The parents complained that "Love Phones" offers advice on group sex, masturbation and fetishes, with no regard for moral values.

The two-hour program, based in New York, is hosted by clinical psychologist Judy Kurlansky. It was canceled Thursday.

### Bullfighter becomes first female matador in half a century

NIMES, France — A Spanish bullfighter on Saturday became the first female to attain the coveted title of matador in more than half a century.

Cristina Sanchez, 24, joined the all-male ranks of matadors — the highest level for bullfighters — in a fight considered her official graduation.

She battled the bull with her cape before taking up her sword and moving in for the kill at an arena in Nimes, 350 miles south of Paris and just north of the Mediterranean Sea.

The petite blonde then raised her clenched fists in the air to acknowledge the cheers of the audience.

Sanchez has fought smaller bulls since she was 17 as a junior bullfighter or "novillera."

## Trustees approve \$148.3 million 1996-97 budget

Jay Young  
The BG News

A \$148.3 million educational budget for 1996-97 was approved by the University Board of Trustees May 24. The budget contains a conceptual endorsement of the University technology plan and a faculty salary increase.

The Board approved the technology plan developed last spring and \$3.1 million to be mostly spent on computers next year. The Board also authorized the University administration to develop a plan that will result in an annual technology investment of at least \$7 million by the 1999 fiscal year.

"It is the intention of President [Sidney] Ribeau and this Board to provide Bowling Green students with the technology they need to be successful in their academic endeavors," said Trustee President John Laskey. "This is a difficult budget year for Bowling Green, but I am very pleased that we were able to dedicate \$3.1 million this year for computers."

Chris Dalton, vice president for Planning and Budgeting, said the \$7 million goal can be reached.

"I think realistically it can be done," Dalton said. "It will require, obviously, having technology as a very high priority and potentially some reallocation of

funds from other areas into technology."

In other action, the trustees decided to increase faculty salaries by 3 percent. Sixty percent of the new dollars will be distributed across the board, with 40 percent being merit pay.

Dalton said the increase was as high as it could be, despite the 6 percent increase requested by the Faculty Senate.

"There wasn't the revenue there to realistically consider going any higher," Dalton said. "That was basically decided, on the one hand, given the desire to try and have a reasonable increase in faculty salaries, and on the other hand given the constraints of the revenue that was there in terms of additional revenues projected."

Hal Lunde, Faculty Senate Chairman, said he was satisfied with the pay hike.

"We're pleased with the salary increase given the circumstances. We've got to believe the sources were not there for a larger increase at this time," Lunde said.

Lunde also praised the 60-40 split, which had been 50-50 last year.

"We're pleased that the Board of Trustees followed the recommendation of the Faculty Senate that goes back to 1985," Lunde said.

## May Showers



The BG News/Joe Boyle

A farmer north of Fostoria, Ohio gets the planter out for corn Friday. May showers delayed the planting of many crops this year, within a week of having to cancel corn for many farmers. A break in the weather last week allowed farmers to get out in the fields.

## Regents consider linking law school funding to exam scores

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — State regents are considering linking funding for Ohio's five publicly supported law schools to entrance exam scores.

The proposal by E. Garrison Walter, vice chancellor of the board of regents, would have a limited impact on Ohio State

University and the University of Cincinnati, which have few part-time law students.

But it could cut funding for Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and law schools at the University of Akron and the University of Toledo, which have lower admission standards.

Deans at Cleveland-Marshall,

Akron and Toledo have argued that scores on the Law School Admission Test, which regents have proposed using to measure academic quality, are not the whole measure of an applicant.

Walters said Akron and Toledo were admitting significant numbers of students with undergraduate grade-point averages of less than a B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) and as

many as 20 percent with grade-point averages of 2.6 or less, a C-plus or worse.

To trim enrollments and enforce statewide standards, Walters proposed altering how the regents calculate the amount of money that each school receives, linking subsidies to law school entrance exam scores.

Cleveland-Marshall Dean Ste-

ven Smith said the school is still highly selective of who it admits, turning down four of five applicants.

"Most institutions try to maintain some enrollment stability," he said. "It's not feasible to substantially reduce or increase faculty size every time applications rise or fall on a cyclical basis, he said."

## Flying With the Flag



The Associated Press

With United States flags on his handlebars, John Lewis jumps his all-terrain vehicle at the Dunes Off-Road Recreation Area outside Farmington, N.M. Monday. Lewis said he rode with the flags in honor of all the people who fought for this country.

## Students won't pay fees to cover fire, police protection

Pat Murphy  
The BG News

Bowling Green students will not have to worry about an increase in student fees to cover city fire protection costs coming directly from the city, according to Mayor Wes Hoffman.

Hoffman said a possible fee placed on students by the city for providing fire and police protection will not be implemented. Although he said the possibility was discussed, he said it hasn't gone any further.

"Somebody suggested [the fee] but we haven't considered it any further," Hoffman said. "We were kicking around ideas of how to fund the west side fire station and somebody mentioned students. I haven't heard anybody seriously discussing it."

But Citizen's Committee member Stan Bortel said the city must look at every funding source.

"You have to look at every possible way to get funds," Bortel said. "When the University needs money they raise the students' general fee. You have to look at

### Amount Of Money Given in 1996 to the Cities Subsidized by the OBOR Under the Boards Fire and Police Protection Program

Athens	\$57,928	Portsmouth	\$5,675
BG	\$43,788	Kent	\$48,539
Oxford	\$44,973	Kenia Township	\$7,752
Fairborn	\$32,795	Rootstown Township	\$5,000

Source: Office of Ohio Senate Finance Committee

everything and you have to do some brainstorming and this is part of the brainstorming process."

Currently, the city gets money from the Ohio Board of Regents to assist in the cost of providing fire and police protection to the University. The city is under an obligation with OBOR to provide

fire and police protection to the University.

Bowling Green is one of eight communities that receives funding from OBOR to pay for services to protect University students. The funding comes as part of the fire and police protection

See FEES, page six.



## Crisis isn't really a crisis

In 1994 and 1995, paper prices skyrocketed. The cost of magazine paper rose by about 10 percent a month, hardly the sort of hike you can simply pass on to subscribers. Most publishers, including Reason, dealt with the increase by printing fewer pages and adding few new subscribers than they had planned. Newspapers were even harder hit: escalating newsprint prices drove many to lay off hundreds of employees, raise prices, and, in some cases, go out of business. It was not a happy time in the publishing business.

Yet as far as I know, no one in the Clinton administration ever called a press conference to address the "paper crisis." Congress never held hearings on the subject. CNN never led the evening news with tales of how paper buyers were struggling. Newt Gingrich never posed for photos in front of giant rolls of newsprint. Bob Dole never denounced the president for his lack of "leadership" on the matter.

And that's as it should be. There was no crisis, nothing requiring an emergency response by the government. By historical standards, paper wasn't even that expensive, its price was just higher than expected, and rising rapidly. Government policy had exacerbated things -- in this case, through recycling mandates that led paper companies to invest in converting, rather than expanding, capacity -- but the main cause of the price jump was plain old ordinary tight supply hit by expanding demand. The higher prices gave both consumers and producers important information about the state of the market. In response, buyers bought less. Sellers started to produce more. And prices eventually crept down.

That's how prices work. They convey information. They give people feedback about what's happening in the world. They produce responses. They go up and down. And while sellers may experiment with different levels, always seeking the most profitable ones, no one in particular gets to decide where prices will end up. They are out of control.

Recently, we had a "gas crisis." From February through the end of April, retail gasoline prices jumped about 12 percent nationally, 21 percent in California. What's interesting about the latest "gas crisis" is how, despite a brief flurry of media attention and political pontificating, it looks more like the "paper crisis" than like the real gas crisis of the 1970s. There are no long lines at the pumps or even threats of "odd-even" rationing based on your license plate number. You can fill your tank on Sunday, and every station has gas -- for a price. The government interventions that distorted energy markets in the 1970s, and put drivers through hell, have disappeared.

This crisis isn't a crisis. It's just a price increase, the sort of signal consumers adjust to every day. No hysteria is called for.

Despite the hype, even reporters (at least in the print media) didn't take long to catch on. The Wall Street Journal put together useful charts and graphs, showing nominal and real gas prices, the latter at their lowest in my lifetime. The Los Angeles Times compared "unspectacular" oil company returns on investment to those of other industries.

"Gas-crisis hysteria may just be a case of sniffing fumes" was the headline on a Mike Royko column in the Chicago Tribune. The author explained he is paying less for gas today than when he started newspaper work in 1956. "When the nation's broadcast babblers, from whom the majority of Americans get their news, say we have a crisis, it's time for political writers to crank out something," wrote Royko. "Even if it is something stupid."

Indeed. But I wouldn't put all the blame on the broadcasters. When the price of an important product jumps suddenly, reporting the increase -- and the reasons for it -- is a legitimate story. What is not legitimate is the implication that the price increase must be someone's fault, and that Washington should be doing something about it. They cannot bear the idea that something important could happen over which they have no control. They want in on the action.

Richard Phillips is the Public Affairs director for the Reason Foundation.

## The Una-Amish are coming

Tom Mather

It finally happened. It was bound to, I suppose. No matter how hard you try, you just can't stop it. Yes, that's right. The Amish have moved into the 90 s. Not all of them. It's the kids mostly. I am basing this on a recent article in the local newspaper.

It seems the Amish kids are tired of hearing the squeaking and groaning of the Amish buggies. So naturally, they went out and did what any young Amish person of today would do. They bought the best car stereo system money can buy and hooked it up to a car battery in the buggy.

The problem arose with the speed of the buggy. It is bad enough when someone drives by your house with thumping bass, waking you up in the middle of the night. Now, imagine that vehicle having a top speed of two miles per hour. I have three words. A - NNOY - ING.

Why do they do it? I believe Amish living today is just a business. The Amish children no longer do it because they love being Amish, they do it for the money. Why, just the other day I saw an advertisement with handsome young barn builder Ezekial Barkley, proclaiming, "I am not a role model."

I'm wondering, what's next? Surely the Amish won't

stop merely with stereos. There will be new "lowered" buggies, with neon reins. They'll start putting marijuana in their cookies. Most shocking of all, I am predicting record sales of Amish mini-skirts, which go all the way up to the calf!

The Amish will begin to blend in with the rest of society. I believe there will be a wave of new Amish criminals, living for the fame they receive. I can see it now, "Amish deviants, and the women who love them, on the next Geraldo." A new breed of psychotic killers will emerge, known as the Una-Amish. Okay, not really. I just threw that in there because it's really fun to say Una-Amish.

What do the elder Amish think of this? You're in luck. It just so happens that I know someone who is the third cousin five times removed from a person that bought bread at an Amish bake sale, and he said he overheard the following conversation:

"I tell you Shadrach, from

one Meshach to an Abendigo, folk dancing just isn't enough for these kids anymore. I just can't understand it. They claim there isn't enough bass. Who needs bass when you can swing your partner round and round?"

"Jebediah, I miss the good old days too. Back when the men were men and the Amish were Amish. These Amish kids today have it so easy. When I was their age, we had to build the barns by ourselves. No neighbors involved."

"I know what you mean. They think they have it tough. 'I don't like a horse and buggy.' Why, back in my day there was no such thing as a horse and buggy. There was only a buggy, and if you wanted to go anywhere, you had to pull it yourself. There was none of this, 'There's too much snow, we're not going to church today.'"

"When I was young we walked to church in 5 feet of snow, in sub-zero temperatures, carrying our extra large size Bibles UPHILL BOTH WAYS! And that was before the council decided it was okay for us to wear shoes!"

"Of course, we can't put all of the blame on the kids. The parents are at fault, too."

"Have you seen Abraham Springfield recently? He's ca-

vorting around with that young church pianist, Delilah Nebachenezzar. She's half his age. I saw them the other day, in his brand new convertible buggy, with their hands all over each other. He has three kids! I mean sure, we all wish we could have a mid-life crisis like that, but we don't go out and do it, do we? No wonder his oldest son doesn't even know all of the books of the Bible. His daughter will even sometimes walk around with her hair down. I just don't know. These Amish kids today, what can you do?"

That was all of the conversation my acquaintance managed to hear.

As a result, I have no information on the developing Amish gang problem.

Is it true that the leaders of the two most prominent Amish gangs, The Disciples and The Marys, are refusing to talk to each other? I don't know.

I don't know if this is the end of the Amish as we know them. I don't know if suddenly being Amish will be the "in" thing to do.

I don't know if Amish girls will develop a reputation similar to that of Catholic girls. All I know is that ever since the Amish moved in, the neighborhood has gone downhill.



## The explanation of life and religion

Gabe King

What're you doing here? No no no...I mean besides getting a higher education to get a job. What I mean is, in the grand scheme of life, why and what are we doing here? Since the beginning of the human race, we have grappled with the most confounding questions in history and we still have difficulty in answering them. We could go on forever with the queries and we would all wind up in the same boat, having more questions than answers. Well, today I would like to tell you that I think I have the answers to some of those questions.

First, who created us? In my opinion, I think this is a trick question. I firmly believe in Darwin's Theory of Evolution, but I also believe in God. Doesn't make sense? Well, let me try my best to explain the origin of our existence.

I believe our beginnings were of a paradoxical nature. We started out as primitive primates, and as time went on, we evolved in order to adapt to our world better. Then, abruptly, either an individual or a group of primitive people suddenly became sentient, or self-aware. With this discovery, they (I will assume it was a group of them) were overwhelmed with the same questions that continue to face us today. They were just on the cusp of creating civilizations, art, wars and even love. They needed a way to get around that barrier in order to go on to the next level. They needed something to put their minds at rest and become the first modern human beings.

That "something" was God. Now, it doesn't have to be God, it can be Native American spirits, a number of gods, pagan gods even. I'm just choosing the one god to use as an example for all the others.

Anyway, He was not there first. The ancient people I mentioned above created Him. As a direct result of creating Him, they automatically found answers to some of their (and our) complex questions, and were able to move on their way to being the original human beings of our planet. At the same time, however, they gave God so much power that He was able to provide them and the rest of the human race (in the time that was yet to come) help, advice, and above all, compassion.

So, in a nutshell, we evolved from the primordial soup that was the origin of Earth to the point where we ("we" being the people who believe in this particular god) created God to help us deal with ourselves and the endless baffling inquiries that faced us, as well as boosting the human race in many ways. I hope I was clear and didn't make anyone cross-eyed.

One other thing, I think there is a higher force, or being (perhaps on a different plane) for everyone. The god I have been talking about has probably been

created by me and thus was made only for me. So what I am saying is that everyone has their own god or spirit designed specifically for them. It is also true that a group of people can share the same god, such as Catholics, Christians, Jews, Hindus, and so on. Each person, however, holds such certain and specific beliefs and ideals that is their own unique fingerprint of identity. Like snowflakes, there are no two persons alike.

Now, for the next question, I am going to make it a little more specific, just how do we lead our lives? By that, I mean is there a path already laid out in front of us? Is everything that happens around us and to us meant to happen? In short, does destiny control our lives, or do we (free will)? I imagine it is a bit of both.

Has any of you taken a statistics course here? Remember the tree diagram, where you figure out a number of outcomes and what the chances are of getting a particular one?

Well, I believe our lives are similar to that, except that our tree diagrams would look more like an intricate web.

In any case, from the time we are born, we come upon certain points where we must make a decision or a choice of some kind, and whatever we choose, there is already a trail of either boons or consequences that lie beyond.

The result of each decision has already been made for us. How do you think we weigh the pros and cons of each decision?

The destined outcomes help us make the best decision

possible (but not all the time, we learn from our mistakes, don't we?), which is where our free will comes into action. We are free to choose whatever choice we want, and we will either gain from it, or pay a price. When a person runs out of decisions to make, that may be when the person dies.

The last question has all kinds of various answers, and I have mine. Why are we here? Well, at least for me,

I believe it is to live, simply live. We are given this life, so we should be expected to make the most of it while we can.

I don't think there's any specific reason why we're here, whether it be to prevent an assassination attempt or give a lollipop to a kid.

No, it is very simple. Cherish this life we have, as far as we know, we only live once.

And so there you have it, my perspective about life and God. I should tell you that I have been an atheist and an agnostic person for about eight or nine years of my life, and I just discovered God earlier this year.

He has helped me a great deal, and has been the primary reason why I came to those answers you've read.

Now I suppose I've done enough talking about that kind of stuff, it's time to turn to a more humorous side, so stay in tune for next week.

I promise it'll be a break from all the serious stuff! If you have anything to say to me, comments, questions, criticism, praise, or insults, email me at gking@bgnet.bgsu.edu...thanks!

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## Remembered



Vietnam veteran Steve Tam hammers crosses in the ground before Memorial Day services at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in

Withamville, Ohio, Sunday.

AP Photo/Tom Uhlman

## Adoption lawsuit will cost couple about \$350,000

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A couple fighting to keep twin girls they want to adopt could end up paying more than \$350,000 in legal costs before the case is settled.

Jim Rost said he and his wife, Collette, have incurred about \$262,000 in legal bills during the custody battle over Bridget and Lucy. The girls have lived with the Rosts since shortly after their birth in November 1993.

Rost estimates he will be billed another \$100,000 if the case goes to trial again. He estimates the family has spent another \$22,000 for items such as travel to California and a court-ordered psychological evaluation of the family.

The Rosts are fighting the twins' birth parents and the Pomo Indians of California to determine who will have custody of the girls.

"I know there's the potential that we're going to have debt hanging over our heads over the course of the rest of our lives, but what's the point of agonizing over it?" Rost said.

"We would not be able to live with each other if we said we gave up on Bridget and Lucy because we couldn't make the financial commitment to make it happen," he said.

A California Superior Court judge ordered last June that the twins be returned to their birth family, based on provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The law allows tribes to intervene in adoption cases involving members. The birth parents have

some Indian blood.

But a California appeals court reversed that decision and gave the Rosts custody until a new trial can take place. Earlier this month, the California Supreme Court refused to review the case.

Lawyers for the tribe appear to be planning to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, said John Dodd, an attorney for the Rosts.

Even if the high court refuses to review the case, the case would return to California Superior Court for the new trial. The court would consider whether the twins have significant cultural and family ties to the tribe.

Attorneys for the birth parents, Richard and Cindy Adams of Long Beach, Calif., are paid through California's legal aid program. The program provides counsel to indigent families who are in danger of losing their parental rights.

The tribe's attorneys are provided by California Indian Legal Services, which is partially supported by the federal Legal Services Corp.

Legal Services spokeswoman Niki Mitchell said poor families and tribes would have no one to represent them if it were not for the agency.

She said the Rosts probably are paying about \$250 an hour for attorneys, while legal aid lawyers generally make about \$18 an hour. Court-appointed attorneys for the birth parents are paid \$65 an hour under California law.

The Rosts said they have paid about \$118,000 of their legal bills, with the help of almost \$63,000 in donations.

## House will vote on juror bill

### Representatives consider keeping names secret

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A bill that would keep jurors' names secret faces a close vote if it reaches the House floor, the sponsor acknowledged.

However, Rep. John R. Bender, D-Elyria, said judges and prosecutors around Ohio support the proposal to exempt juror information from the state's public record laws.

"They feel that jurors should not be subject to harassment by criminals or their families after the trial," he told The Columbus Dispatch for a story Sunday. "I think it's a good bill and makes sense."

Bender was uncertain when the full House might consider the

bill, which the House Judiciary Committee approved March 27. The House is nearing a recess.

"I'm going to challenge the legislators not to be intimidated by their editorial boards in this election year," Bender said, noting the Ohio Newspaper Association is fighting the bill. "It's going to be a close vote if it ever gets onto the floor."

Frank E. Deaner, executive director of the newspaper association, said he wants the bill to die a quiet death.

"Making the names of jurors secret is a drastic departure from the principles of our system of justice," he said.

Changing the state's public records law, Deaner said, is an overreaction to a rare problem

that can best be resolved by aggressive prosecution of those who harass jurors.

"The very concept of a trial by a jury of one's peers demands that we know something about the identities of jurors to evaluate whether it really is a jury of peers," Deaner said. "Setting a precedent for secret juror lists can lead to secrecy in other areas of the court system."

However, John E. Murphy, of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, said the bill, which he helped draft, would not only protect jurors but encourage more people to serve on juries.

He said those benefits far outweigh any possible harm that could come from keeping private

the personal information about jurors.

"I very much doubt that the average person realizes that their name and address will become a public record when they are summoned for jury duty," Murphy said. "Ordinary citizens called upon to serve on a jury should not be required to release personal information to the public in the same way that public officials are."

Bender introduced the bill after receiving a request from Judge Lynett McGough of Lorain County Common Pleas Court. McGough said she knows of six cases of jurors being harassed by phone or letter after reaching a verdict.

## Cincy city council to debate gay rights issues

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — City Council is ready for another round of emotional debate over whether to extend the protection of a human rights ordinance to homosexuals.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Colorado issue last week that outlawed anti-discrimination protections for gays. A similar measure in Cincinnati, known as Issue 3, is expected to be thrown out as a result.

That puts the question back in a sharply divided City Council with both sides ready for a heated campaign.

"The ground may have shifted but the emotion is still there," Councilman Nick Vehr said. "I would expect that the emotion will find its way to ... City Hall once again."

Stonewall Cincinnati, a gay rights group, wants the council to restore sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination human

rights ordinance.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Monday that a 5-4 council vote is likely.

Issue 3 passed by 62 percent of the vote in 1993, barring protections based upon homosexual, lesbian or bisexual conduct or relationship. That vote came one year after council passed a human rights ordinance that prohibited discrimination in hous-

ing, employment or public accommodations for gays and other groups.

U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel struck down Issue 3, but the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Spiegel's decision. The case went to the Supreme Court, which is expected to send it back to lower court for

See CINCY, page four.

## Tuskegee Airmen thank their attorney

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Fifty years after the end of World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen wanted to thank the attorney who helped them open the Army's ranks.

At a celebration Saturday, the airmen expressed their gratitude to Theodore Berry for helping them seek closure to the events that led to the end of military careers for many of them.

In April 1945, 101 black U.S. Army Air Corps officers protested continued segregation of the officer's club at Freeman Field in Seymour, Ind., in defiance of President Franklin Roosevelt's executive order desegregating the military. They were arrested.

Three men faced a wartime court martial that could have resulted in the death penalty in what became known as the Freeman Field Mutiny.

Berry, then Cincinnati's

NAACP president and a young attorney, was the lead counsel representing the men before the six-member jury court martial at Godman Field at Fort Knox.

Lt. Roger C. Terry, president of the national Tuskegee Airmen Inc., was the only man convicted in the protest. He spoke Saturday about how the airmen sought an attorney to help desegregate the American military.

"We had to have someone they could not order around," said Terry, also spokesman for the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. "I met him (Berry) on the day I was court martialled. ... He was someone that knew the law that would take the time to come there and do battle with the forces of the Army."

Berry, 90, who ultimately became Cincinnati's first black mayor, remembered well the civ-

See THANKS, page four.

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## Institutions known for environmental mismanagement

Jon Marcus  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — If students at Yale are searching for a recent case study in environmental mismanagement, they need look no further than their own campus.

Yale and the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., last year were found to be mishandling chemicals and toxic waste and forced to pledge a total of more than half a million dollars toward environmental programs. Yale also had to pay a \$69,570 fine.

It was a surprising, and seemingly isolated, revelation of wrongdoing by two prestigious institutions in a region of the country that considers higher education one of its most celebrated industries.

But documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that New England colleges and universities have committed dozens of environmental violations, sending students and employees to the hospital, polluting the ground and water, and costing tens of thousands of dollars in fines.

"Behind many ivy-covered walls are the same chemicals and pollutants — in some cases, more dangerous chemicals and pollutants — than are used in private industry," said John DeVillars, the Environmental Protection Agency's New England regional administrator. "And the bucolic settings of college campuses are often also the most sensitive areas environmentally."

That was certainly true at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where an estimated 2,000 fish were killed in August 1994 when workers dumped ammonia from the refrigeration system at the hockey rink into a storm drain that emptied directly into the Green River. The college has since marked with blue paint all the sewer drains on its campus that lead anywhere other than the local sewage system.

"It was a useful wake-up call to anyone who said, 'It can't happen here,'" said Anne Skinner, a lecturer in the Williams chemistry department.

Some schools may be stretched to pay for environmental management until they're forced to, said Bill Moomaw, a chemist who directs the environmental program at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

"When somebody says, 'Oh, you need an environmental health and safety officer,' the reaction is, 'We need to pay the English department first,'" said Moomaw.

At Boston University, fuel oil has spilled four times in the last four years, three times near the Charles River and once into it, according to EPA records. The university plans to replace its underground fuel tanks within the next three years.

Other schools also have spilled oil into the ground and rivers, EPA documents show.

At Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., an estimated 1,500 pounds of fuel oil spilled into the sewage system in 1991. And in 1994, about 100 gallons of diesel fuel overflowed from a tank at the University of Connecticut into a nearby brook.

Karen Grava Williams, a UConn spokeswoman, said a special valve has been installed to prevent another spill.

At least three New England universities have been cited in the last five years for mishandling PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, which are used as insulators in electrical equipment and have been found to cause cancer in laboratory animals.

Southern Connecticut State University paid a \$72,000 fine in March. Quinnipiac College in Connecticut paid a \$51,255 fine in October 1992. And the University of New Hampshire paid a \$62,500 penalty in 1993 for mislabeling PCBs in its 21 electrical transformers, one of which was leaking.

There also have been problems involving chemicals and fumes in laboratories, according to EPA documents.

An explosion in a chemical lab at Tufts University near Boston in September 1993 sent six people to the hospital. In September 1991, three Massachusetts Maritime Academy workers were hospitalized when 30 gallons of formaldehyde leaked from a drum in the biology laboratory. And a building at the University of New Haven was evacuated in November 1994 when highly toxic bromine spilled during an experiment.

"I don't feel the public holds us to tighter standards, because in many cases I don't think the public is aware," said UConn's Williams. "I think we need to be responsible enough to hold ourselves to high standards."

## Hey Sailor ...



Quinton Bogen, left, of Tennessee, and Eric Robinson, of Alabama, sailors from the USS John Rogers, look over the wares of a Times Square electronics store Sunday. White uniforms were seen

throughout New York this weekend thanks to the 18 ships from four countries in town for Fleet Week.

## Foundation under fire for granting boy's last wish to hunt

Tara Bradley-Steck  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Another boy with cancer has been granted his wish to hunt in Alaska. And that worries the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which came under fire from animal rights groups for granting a Minnesota boy's request to hunt bear.

"Doctors said this child needs to believe he gets to go," Michele Atkins, director of Make-A-Wish of Western Pennsylvania, said Thursday. "This is real important. This is all he's wanted to do all his life."

The 17-year-old boy, whom Atkins would not identify, has bone cancer. She said Make-A-Wish agreed in November to send him to Alaska when the two-week moose-hunting season opens this

September.

"This is a third-generation of hunters," Atkins said. "He wants to go with his father and grandpa. There is no reason not to do this, no policy against it."

Earlier this month, the Make-A-Wish chapter in Minnesota sent another 17-year-old boy with a brain tumor to Alaska to hunt bear, despite protests from animal rights activists.

That decision has become a lightning rod for the normally non-controversial, well-regarded foundation.

The latest request "is going to compound their problems because they're already under scrutiny," said Heidi Prescott, director of the Fund for Animals in Washington, D.C.

"We don't want to see the organization harmed, but people

find it very ironic that someone so ill would want to take a life."

The national foundation has granted 38,000 wishes in its 13-year history, and Atkins said she believed no others have involved hunting.

Nevertheless, she said she didn't worry about the appropriateness of the teen's request and said staff are told "to check their value system at the door."

"This is about the child and the child's family. It's not about what our volunteers think is appropriate. They're shooting deer in Bethel Park and Fox Chapel," two Pittsburgh suburbs, Atkins said. "This wasn't something we were going to spend a lot of time thinking about."

Make-A-Wish chapters grant wishes as long as they are legal and within their policy guide-

lines, which in general involve activities not considered dangerous to the child.

Regardless of how well hunting might meet those criteria, the Minnesota decision has upset Make-A-Wish donors, Prescott said.

"People donate to Make-A-Wish because they're compassionate, and compassion can extend to a doomed animal as well," she said. "Compassion doesn't have limits."

Actor Kevin Nealon canceled a Make-A-Wish fund raiser over the Minnesota controversy, and actor Pierce Brosnan offered that boy an alternative wish: a week's visit with him on the Idaho set where he is filming a movie. But the family stuck with its wish and went to Alaska early this month.

## Porn industry active in LA suburbs

John Antczak  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Children were making noise at a birthday party when they heard strange sounds coming over the fence next door.

"Apparently they heard all the grunting and the groaning and the sexual explicit sounds and everything," said vice-squad Sgt. Steve Merrin. "The parents figured out what was going on and they yanked the kids away from it so the kids didn't see it."

A month later, officers called to the same San Fernando Valley house looked past the bushes through the chain-link fence and saw what has become an all-too-familiar scene for some neighbors in these sleepy suburbs of Los Angeles.

"Anal sex, oral sex and vaginal sex," Merrin recalled. "That's about all you can have, I think."

Once known for its suburban sprawl, the aerospace industry, major Hollywood studios and

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further consideration in light of its decision in the Colorado case.

Deputy City Solicitor Karl Kadon, who defended Issue 3 for the city, expects it to be struck down this time around.

"Our Issue 3 language is substantially similar to the Colorado Amendment 2 language," Kadon said. "Based on that fact, I'm not particularly optimistic about the

Supreme Court's disposition of our case."

While Issue 3 was being appealed last year, City Council voted 5-4 to remove sexual orientation from the human rights ordinance. Council would have to vote again to restore the protections.

The four council members who supported gay-rights protections plan to do so again. Four remain-

ing council members plan to oppose it again.

The fifth council member who voted to strip protections for gays from the ordinance has been replaced by Minette Cooper, who has not stated her position on the matter. Cooper recently voted against a council motion asking state lawmakers to prohibit same-sex marriages.

Cindy Abel, Stonewall's executive director, said her group will

ask council to restore protections for gays.

"This goes to the core of basic recognition of gays and lesbians as human beings deserving of the same protection that everyone else has already been granted in our city," she said.

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il-rights protest.

"It was an unusual case because it was the first time a discrimination protest resulted in a court martial rather than a disciplinary hearing," he said. "The court martial was just an incident in the campaign seeking to remedy racial segregation, both in ... domestic employment as well as the military."

Charged with mutiny, treason

Phil Burress, chairman of the group that supported Issue 3, said he assumes the ordinance will be changed.

"The facts are you're going to get homosexuality crammed down their throats by this city council," Burress said.

"The ground may have shifted, but the emotion is still there."

Nick Vehr  
councilman

and inciting to riot, Lt. Marsden Thompson and Lt. Shirley Clinton were acquitted.

Terry, 74, of Los Angeles, was accused of brushing past an officer while trying to enter the officer's club. He was convicted of assault on an officer. As a result, Terry was no longer a pilot. It finished his military career and made him a felon.

It took an act of Congress to release the remaining black offi-

cers, with the provision that they all receive letters of reprimand, Terry said. That typically meant the end of their military careers, he said.

But in August 1995, the U.S. Air Force announced the vindication of 15 of the men by removing the reprimands from their military records. Under protocol, the remaining reprimands will be removed from files upon request, Air Force officials have said.

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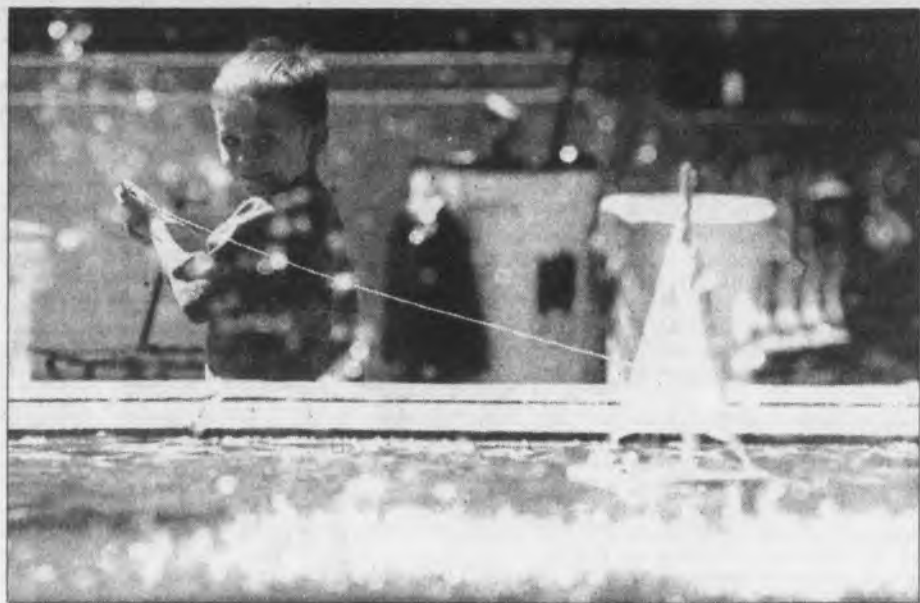
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Aaron Johnson, 2, sails a small sailboat through the fountain in Public Square in Nashville, Tennessee Monday. His parents said they were taking the youngster out for the holiday.

## Texas teen to perform with Chapman

Melissa Williams  
The Associated Press

KELLER, Texas — A teen-age lyricist won a date on stage with folk star Tracy Chapman with help from an old dog.

Liberty Merriman, a sophomore at Keller High School, won a national contest with lyrics about a dog who shares in the longing for a lost love. As part of the prize, Chapman gave a free concert at the school Wednesday and Liberty, 15, got to warm up the audience.

Clad in a flowing, printed dress, Liberty read her winning

entry "Old Dog" in a clear voice before 1,100 high school students in bleachers and blue plastic cafeteria chairs.

The lyrics included the lines: "Spends his days lying in the sun; Staring, never blinking; Watching the dust down a lonely road; Calling her back in silent howls; He must miss her, too."

"It just came into my head," said Liberty, adding she wrote the lyrics in about 10 minutes after finishing a standardized test at school.

The pensive tone of the song echoed Chapman's work, which joins matters of the heart with

social and political issues such as domestic violence, environmentalism and poverty.

The Grammy winner selected the winning song from among 12,000 entries in the Scholastics Write Lyrics program, which uses popular music to encourage student writing and expression.

It takes a lot of discipline to learn an instrument or master a craft," Chapman told students in this Fort Worth suburb. "I spent a lot of time alone as a child. It had a lot of influence on my focus on music."

The contest was sponsored by Chapman's record label.

## Former businessman says Texas is sovereign country

Julia Prodis  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — It was a glorious day for John C. VanKirk, standing there on the steps of the state Capitol proclaiming Texas a nation unto itself.

As it was 150 years ago, it is today, he bellowed ... the mighty Republic of Texas! Cheers and whoops rose from the crowd of more than 300, and VanKirk basked in them.

"Ladies and gentleman, Texas is legally -- legally -- no longer part of the United States of despair," he shouted. "Texas is free. It's once again sovereign and its people will not be denied. God bless the Republic of Texas!"

It was Jan. 16 and VanKirk had just ordered Gov. George W. Bush to vacate his office. As president of the Republic, VanKirk would be moving in.

"How wacky do you think I am?" VanKirk asks seriously, leaning forward on his sofa.

Dressed in a short-sleeved shirt and tie, the 49-year-old former businessman is sitting in the living room of the new two-story house he leases near San Antonio.

It looks more like a bachelor pad than the headquarters of a sovereign nation. Nearly two dozen hunting trophies and gun posters cover the freshly painted walls. The living room is furnished with just a ragged couch and chairs. The garage has been turned into a makeshift office where three "citizens of the Republic" are sitting at long, collapsible tables, working on computers. A Lone Star flag drapes from the rafters.

Like most native Texans, VanKirk is enormously proud of the state's maverick heritage and its Alamo heroes.

Texas is the only state in the Union to have been its own country, from 1836 to 1845. The allure of the Republic is so intense that eight attempts have been made over the years to return to nationhood.

The state's tourism slogan even plays on its past: "Texas -- it's like a whole other country." But for VanKirk and his supporters -- Texas really IS a whole other country: They believe Texas was never legally annexed by the Union and therefore has been under martial law for the past 150 years.

"If they weren't so serious about it, it could be viewed as a comedy," says Felix D. Almaraz, a history professor at the University of Texas-San Antonio. "Because of the seriousness, I think it's rather tragic."

Indeed, VanKirk's agenda goes much deeper than Texas pride.

Like a growing number of Americans, he and his supporters have a deep distrust of the federal government. They resent income taxes, environmental regulations that encroach on their private property rights and government intrusion into their private lives. Disdainful of federal agents, they use Waco and Ruby Ridge as rallying cries.

Similar sentiments have given rise to armed militias, numbering more than 400 across the country. The Montana Freemen, for example, who like the Republic of Texas members consider themselves a separate government with their own court system, have been holding fed-

eral agents at bay for more than a month.

Several "citizens" of the Republic have been convicted of using phony money orders, and one top member was jailed for contempt after a judge ruled he filed false liens against a title company. VanKirk himself acknowledges trying to use an \$87,000 bogus money order several years ago to buy property.

No acts of violence have been attributed to the Republic of Texas, but authorities are wary of the group, which is forming an armed militia and wants to take over the government.

"It's a revolution. I certainly want it to be a bloodless one if possible," VanKirk says. However, he adds, "There's no way one man can guarantee that."

The smell of sausage wafts in from the kitchen, where VanKirk's security adviser is making a pot of lunchtime gumbo. VanKirk is contemplating the rebirth of the Republic -- the days before a confrontation split the group in two.

It was two years ago that Richard McLaren, a 42-year-old West Texas rancher with a history of land disputes with the federal government, recruited VanKirk to the cause. VanKirk had been in the real estate, ranching and oil equipment businesses and hadn't paid federal income taxes for six years.

The two men understood each other -- or so they thought. At an old cotton gin last December, they adopted a constitution and courtroom.

A week later, a federal judge issued a \$1.8 million judgment against McLaren.

## U.S. leads competitiveness race according to survey

Carolyn Henson  
The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The United States leads the world in competitiveness, followed by Asian powerhouses Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan, according to a global survey to be released Monday.

Switzerland and Germany have slipped back to 9th and 10th, the report says, while Britain and France, in 19th and 20th place, are still waiting for takeoff. Russia came in last.

The 600-page World Competitiveness Yearbook, published annually by the Lausanne-based International Institute for Man-

agement Development, measures and compares the competitiveness of 46 countries. It defines competitiveness in terms of the mechanisms that help create wealth in a nation.

The private research institute uses 230 criteria covering economic strength, technology, financial services, international trade, government policies, management, infrastructure and educational skills.

The United States reinforced its leadership position, coming out on top in the areas of economic strength, new technology and financial services, and placing second in international trade. Its weakness lies in people skills --

education and training -- where it scored 15th.

"The high rankings given to the United States are likely to fuel a passionate debate on the social costs of regaining competitiveness," said Stephane Garelli, one of the report's authors.

"The country's success is the result of bold economic reforms, deregulation and privatization and renewed leadership in new technology. But at the same time, achieving this success implies that the revenues of certain employees were frozen while productivity was soaring," Garelli said.

Asian countries have continued to excel, according to the year-

book. This was reflected in their ranking by strength of domestic economy: China 2nd, Singapore 3rd, Korea 4th, Japan 5th, Malaysia 7th and Hong Kong 8th.

Overall, China rose from 31st place in 1995 to 26th, while Taiwan slipped from 14th to 18th.

Japan, the world leader in competitiveness for many years, is still plagued by uncertainties. It scored second in management and technology but plummeted to 21st place for government policies.

"The implication is that Japan needs to face long-term structural problems so that it can adapt its political system and reform the society," the report

said. Northern Europe scored well. Denmark was in 5th place, Norway 6th, the Netherlands 7th, Luxembourg 8th, Sweden 14th and Finland 15th. But the largest southern European nations continued to suffer. Italy was 28th, Spain 29th, Turkey 35th and Greece 40th.

Germany and Switzerland both dropped four places in the overall ranking since 1995, reflecting their expensive home bases and a flat economy.

Both scored poorly in economic strength, Germany 19th and Switzerland 20th, and Germany also flopped in management,

ranking just 20th.

The combination of high unemployment, severe company restructuring and flat domestic consumption in Germany may lead the country into a gloomy period, Garelli said.

The rising star of Latin America was Chile, which was 13th overall. Its nearest regional rivals were Argentina, in 32nd, and Colombia, in 33rd.

At the bottom of the table were a number of resource-rich countries that fell short in dynamic wealth creation. India was placed 38th, Indonesia 41st, Mexico 42nd, and South Africa 44th. Russia was last at 46th.

## PORN

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major earthquakes, the valley named for a saint has become the porn capital of the nation.

About 50 of the nation's 60 major makers of hard-core porn videos are located in the San Fernando Valley. The boom be-

Woodland Hills, 25 miles west of downtown Los Angeles.

"This is a quiet little neighborhood," said a 25-year resident who spoke on condition of anonymity. "That's done in the sleaze areas of L.A."

Actually, no. Merrin said his office has

Merrin said. "You have to get there, and they have to be filming."

Filmmakers need only a permit to produce X-rated flicks at private homes. Filming sex in public is illegal, but a backyard location is not necessarily considered public if it is out of sight.

"Are we really committing any kind of sin against society by shooting adult material in the back yards of other people's private homes?" said William Margold of the Free Speech Coalition, the industry trade association.

Margold, who has worked in the adult industry for 25 years as a writer and actor, scoffed at the suggestion that neighbors commonly witness sex in the Valley.

"We pay for privacy. We pay to

be left alone. We pay to be out of sightlines, soundlines," he said.

The Dolorosa Street home was sublet by two renters to a film crew last month. Police arrested the actors, Mark Goldberg, 36, of Sherman Oaks and Lottie Rumble, 24, of New York, for investigation of lewd conduct, and cited the two renters and the director for permit violations.

Prosecutors are reviewing evidence that includes the film negatives and a photograph taken from the officers' vantage point in a yard nearby.

A neighbor who wouldn't give her name said the same crew offered her \$50 to film a "milkman" coming to her door a typical porno plot device.

"Anal sex, oral sex and vaginal sex. That's about all you can have, I think."

Steve Merrin  
vice-squad sergeant

gan in the early 1980s, with the advent of home video. Companies were drawn by the warm weather and the proximity to Hollywood.

Residents of shady Dolorosa Street were surprised to learn that explicit sex was being filmed on their sleepy block in

received 20 complaints about adult filmmaking in the past 18 months. But he has been able to bring only two cases for prosecution, including the arrests of the male and female actors at the Dolorosa Street house last month.

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## Singer Taylor happy with role as environmental activist

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — He's jabbing a finger, waving an arm, raising his voice slightly, even uttering the rare swear word. Can this possibly be James Taylor, to whom the words "sensitive" and "introspective" owe their continuing membership in the English language?

It is indeed JT, his Sweet Baby James persona far in the past, venturing forth for a rare conversation to discuss a public role he feels comfortable with and quite passionate about: environmental activism.

When he says "I really get quite worked up about it," he means it. Yet it's easy to smile, because "worked up" to Old Reliable Taylor, circa 1996, bears a strong resemblance to laid back.

There's no doubt that Taylor, 48, is serious about the threat to clean water, rainforests and other environmental issues dear

to his heart.

"I feel a sense of urgency and alarm, concern, about the effect of all our lives on the environment," he says. And he's putting his two best-known commodities — his name and his music — behind it.

The Grammy winner recently performed at a 25th-anniversary benefit concert for the Natural Resources Defense Council, where he sits on the board of directors. Behind him was not a small backup band but an entire orchestra. And he performed not "Your Smiling Face" or "Shower the People," but selections from George Gershwin and Aaron Copland.

"It's just an experiment," Taylor says. "It's not a change of course."

He has been toying with the new sound for months, joining orchestras in symphony halls to play his own compositions for smaller audiences of theater subscribers, some of whom have

ven't been exposed to it.

His music, he has found to his delight, is suited for orchestral treatment.

"It's quiet and there's a lot of attention to the arrangement," he says. "A lot of the time it works."

During a recent interview at the Natural Resource Defense Council's Manhattan headquarters, Taylor wears an all-black outfit right down to his plastic digital watch. Wire-rimmed glasses accentuate his rail-thin, almost gaunt frame. He is heavily balding, stoops slightly and seems a little uncomfortable with his looming frame.

He rarely gives interviews; you could count on one hand how many he's agreed to in the past five years. When he does, he makes the boundaries quite clear — in that patient, non-confrontational manner.

Even the most innocuous personal question — in what city does he live? — is diverted, though he acknowledges still spending

much time on Martha's Vineyard.

You don't even try to ask about Carly Simon, whom he married, then divorced so long ago. And the old drug problems? He was telling interviewers 11 years back that his only remaining drug problem was people asking him if he still had a drug problem.

The message, in short: Get intimate with his activism and get intimate with his work, but don't expect to get intimate with him.

Taylor's involvement with protecting natural resources is only the latest in his history of activism, much of which has produced music.

In 1978, he petitioned President Carter to end the U.S. commitment to nuclear power. A year later, he performed with the likes of Jackson Browne, the Doobie Brothers and Bruce Springsteen as "Musicians United for Safe Energy," a concert later released as both a film and a triple album called "No

Nukes."

He also performed with Browne and Linda Ronstadt in a 1982 "Peace Week" benefit and contributed to two major children's ensemble records during that period.

This time around, composer Stanley Silverman arranged some of Taylor's music for symphonies and orchestra, giving him a "connection into the symphonic world," Taylor acknowledges having "plenty of trepidation" about whether the songs would transfer well into the new milieu.

"It was like stepping into the comfortable seat of a large ocean liner," he says.

Three members of his regular band joined him and the 25-piece orchestra for the six-hour daily practices, which Taylor says taught him a great deal. One basic tenet, he says: Temper individualism.

"You can't have 100 people playing interpretively," he says,

cracking a smile.

"It's amazing to be in the company of all those great players. I'm used to thinking of music in a rhythmic structure — the rhythm as a grid that everyone shares. Symphonic music, it's more of giving each note a timed value, and that changes things rhythmically."

Taylor is not moving away from his 30-year pop career to become a classical musician, he's quick to assure. "I love the old standards," he says. He still plans a summer tour with his old band in all the old familiar places, and maybe he'll soon tour Europe or Asia.

"I'm ready to do some work," he says. "It'll be interesting to see what I bring back."

He turns the conversation back to the environment. And once again, he is at his most animated — talking specifics about environmental legislation and warning about the legacy that will be left for future generations.

### FEES

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program under the OBOR's statewide public service program.

Hoffman said the city would rather receive some type of contribution from the University to offset city expenditures than try to place a fee on students.

The state will not impose a fee to assist the city.

"It would not be a state-imposed fee," said OBOR Communications Director Linda Ogden. "Our role in fees is to set caps so that the fee document is not exceeded."

Ogden said a possible fee would have to be decided between the city and University Board of Trustees. She said OBOR would only be involved if the fee exceeded six percent.

The interest by the city to have students pay for fire and police protection arose because currently the city supplies most of the services without any support

from the University or OBOR.

Hoffman said the money the city receives is enough to cover the cost of paying just over one fireman. In 1994, Bowling Green received \$43,677 from OBOR. In 1996, the amount BG received went up by \$111.

The money from OBOR covers the cost of one full-time firefighter with pension is around \$40,000 a year. There has been some discussion that the city was forced to purchase an aerial ladder truck to protect the high-rise buildings at the University. Burns said the aerial truck the city purchased was necessary even if the University didn't exist.

"We don't carry anything specifically for the University," Burns said. "We really do need an aerial ladder truck for the three to four story buildings in town as well as the University."

Burns did say the fire department had to increase staffing because of the University.

**"Somebody suggested [the fee] but we haven't considered it any further."**

Wes Hoffman  
mayor

The city made efforts to get more money from OBOR. City representatives lobbied in Columbus for more money and city Finance Director Rebecca Underwood sent a letter on April 21, 1995 to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Roy L. Ray. In the letter, the city requested to maintain the funding it received

in 1994.

"We've talked to our representatives," Hoffman said. "It's an ongoing thing we have to fight for every time."

Beth Ellensohn, legislative aid to Roy, said the fire and police protection program was flatfunded from 1994 to 1997. That means the program will not see an increase or decrease in funding until it's reviewed again in 1997.

"In the spring of 1997 will have a new budget," Ellensohn said. "It's one of those things that it's too early to tell if the funding will change."

BG received the fourth highest amount of funding for the eight communities in the program in 1996, according to Ellensohn.

Ogden said the decision in allocating funds to each community is based on a formula. The formula considers size of the community and the size of the university.

## Minnelli tries for positive press

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Liza Minnelli cannot go "Gently" into that good night. Instead, she must rage — rage against the dying of the journalistic light.

Tabloid whispers about her health and erratic behavior have made it into the mainstream press. So that's what she finds herself having to talk about as she tries to mount a publicity campaign for her latest CD, "Gently."

Better that it were titled "Innuendo ... and Out the Other."

She was curled up in a cushy leather armchair at Sony's studios where she was recording her thoughts on Mikhail Baryshnikov on Broadway for an upcoming

ABC-TV special on great moments on television. A stubborn cowlick stood ramrod straight atop her head.

"Oh, this is going to look great," she said with a flashing laugh, finally calling over an assistant to spray it down.

Her album is the arc of a romantic life, featuring standards with a few surprises. There's a duet with Donna Summer on the torch song "Does He Love You?" and a turn with Johnny Mathis on his classic ballad, "Chances Are." Herbie Hancock plays keyboards on "In the Wee Small Hours."

Minnelli says she tried to do the album "with dignity and elegance, and then the National Enquirer comes along."

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